

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

STOP WRONG-HEADED ENERGY POLICIES

(Mr. BOUSTANY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, this country has never had an energy strategy. And the only thing worse than not having an energy strategy is having an energy policy that is actually hurting our country, hurting American energy production and American workers, and making us more dependent on foreign oil. That is what the Obama administration is doing right now.

Let's review the record. A moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, hurting American energy production. A budget proposal that offers \$50 billion in new taxes on independent, small energy companies working throughout the United States. Also, tax policy that is going to hurt large U.S. companies trying to compete for limited reserves around the world to meet U.S. energy needs. And finally, an attack on horizontal drilling because we have now found large reserves of oil and gas in our shale formations, and this administration is looking to shut all of that down.

And then they come forward because the price of oil, the price of oil at \$105 a barrel today, they now want to open up the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is supposed to be used in severe shortages. That is not an energy policy; that actually hurts our country.

It is time to stop these wrong-headed policies that are hurting American energy production and hurting American workers.

INVEST IN TOMORROW TO CREATE JOBS

(Mr. WALZ of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, you'll get no argument in this House that this is a country that has to get a handle on our budget, be fiscally responsible, reduce our national debt, and grow the economy. We owe nothing less to our children and grandchildren.

But I will be honest, I am pretty shocked by the lack of business sense, if you will, from some of my Republican colleagues. What my small businesses know in southern Minnesota is that, in addition to tightening their

belts and getting efficiencies out of their businesses, they have to make smart investments for tomorrow.

So last week what did we do? We cut 41 percent of the NIH budget for research at the Mayo Clinic in my district that will lay off 68 researchers who equate into billions of dollars of medical research.

Republicans also want to cut funding for education. As a high school teacher I can tell you, where are the workers of tomorrow going to come from, and how are they going to compete to be the great innovators to win tomorrow?

We did all of that, at the same time protecting oil subsidies to the CEOs of the largest oil companies who made hundreds of billions. We have to be smart with taxpayer dollars, and we have to find ways to think like small, innovative businesses in places like the Mayo Clinic.

Save money, be efficient with our resources, invest in tomorrow to create jobs.

DRILLING MORATORIUM IS NONSENSE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, gasoline is nearly \$4 a gallon. Meanwhile, the administration seems to have a deliberate crusade against the U.S. energy industry and domestic energy independence.

Even before Steven Chu became Energy Secretary he said: "Somehow we have to figure out a way to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe."

Well, that plan is working.

The administration is stonewalling the safe development of a Canadian pipeline to my district in southeast Texas that will send crude oil and jobs to American refineries. The administration is using the out-of-control EPA to implement questionable scientific regulations that hammer domestic energy capability. This includes the expensive regulations of CO₂ and the EPA attempt to defy the will of Congress by implementing cap-and-trade regulations.

The offshore drilling moratorium by the administration is nonsense. A court ordered the moratorium lifted. Now that same court has held the administration in contempt for not in fact lifting that moratorium.

Each of these is evidence that the administration is at war with domestic energy and the will of the American people. Meanwhile, gasoline prices are getting near those in Europe.

And that's just the way it is.

ADDICTION TO FOREIGN OIL

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, as oil and gas prices continue to rise, American

consumers and businesses are facing sticker shock at the pump. The national average is \$3.49, and the average in New York's capital region that I represent is \$3.69. And yet, rather than take action to bring immediate gas price relief or create incentives to invest in clean energy alternatives that create jobs and grow our national security, the Republican budget would maintain our addiction to foreign oil.

The Republican spending bill ignores energy efficiency, clean energy, advanced vehicle technologies, and loan guarantees. What does it leave in place, though? Billions of dollars in subsidies for big oil companies that they have claimed they don't need, especially as they make record profits. And what do we get by throwing billions of hard-earned taxpayer dollars at these big oil companies? Less money in our pockets to get to work and around town.

Americans are better than the gasoline we put in our vehicles. It is time we wake up and realize it, and advance research and development.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EBBY HALLIDAY

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, today is a very special day for not only me but many people who live in Dallas, Texas, because today is Ebby Halliday's 100th birthday. I have known Ebby for 22 years. This incredibly successful woman is one of the most generous and hardworking individuals I have ever known. Ebby has always been an entrepreneur, beginning her career selling hats. Today, she is the driving force for change in the real estate industry and a household name all across north Texas.

Ebby's incredible story is the embodiment of America's dream. Her dedication, work ethic, and vision have turned Ebby Halliday Realtors into one of the largest independently owned residential real estate companies in the Nation. Ebby is also well known as a respected community leader. Her active civic involvement and philanthropic efforts have inspired others to give back to those in need. Her name has become synonymous with ethics, class, and generosity.

Over the course of her lifetime, Ebby has witnessed many historic events and changes in our fast-paced world, yet her love for family, friends, community, and this Nation remains steadfast. I am proud to call her my friend, and I know she will be surrounded by many of those today in Dallas, Texas, as she celebrates her 100th birthday. May she be blessed with many more years of health and happiness.

Happy birthday, Ebby Halliday.

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THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS

(Ms. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1